

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hajime MIZUTANI et al.

Rule 53(b) Divisional of  
Application No. 09/972,164 filed October 9, 2001

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Docket No.: 110797.01

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING MOVEMENT OF CUTTING  
BLADE AND WORKPIECE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following is submitted:

**Amendment to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**